

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Chambers, did I understand you correctly when you say we have many school systems in the State of Nebraska elected by district, yes, by district?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Koch, I was thinking of city councils, the majority of the cities. Okay.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you. Senator Barnett, a question if you would yield. The question is, Senator Marsh, or Senator Barnett, I am sorry, I am really complimenting you, the question is....

SENATOR BARNETT: Really going to get an answer, too.

SENATOR KOCH: ...are you willing to have Omaha have the same privilege of electing by district and then at large in the general election?

SENATOR BARNETT: This is a Lincoln bill.

SENATOR KOCH: I know.

SENATOR BARNETT: And that is the way I want to keep it.

SENATOR KOCH: Is there any similarity between Omaha and Lincoln in terms of the way we treat education?

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Koch, you know more about education than I do. I couldn't answer that question. I am concerned about Lincoln on this issue.

SENATOR KOCH: My question is, Senator, but why not have the same type of election procedure Senator Chambers was able to negotiate in this body for the City of Lincoln?

SENATOR BARNETT: I prefer this type because we already elect our county commissioners this way and that is why I wanted to stay with this type of representation.

SENATOR KOCH: How did you vote on the Omaha bill or is that for.....

SENATOR BARNETT: I probably voted for it. I believe in district election and district representation.

SENATOR KOCH: Why did you do that when the commissioners here at Lancaster County are elected at large? Why didn't you pose that procedure then under the same philosophy?

SENATOR BARNETT: It wasn't my bill. It was Senator Chambers' and somebody else's bill and I just believe in the philosophy of district representation. I don't care how you get it. This is the way I would like to have it for Lincoln.

SENATOR KOCH: One last question, Senator Barnett, why would you feel that if the people were allowed to vote and make this determination that you said you knew how they would vote, what would be your prediction?